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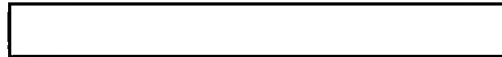
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*South Vietnam: [The conflict between the Huong government and the military may be approaching a climax.]

[Premier Huong has told Ambassador Taylor that he and Chief of State Suu plan an early meeting to "have it out" with General Khanh and other armed forces leaders. Huong said that he had already drafted a proclamation containing three basic demands of the military: release of arrested High National Council members, withdrawal from political activities and return to strictly military duties, and loyal adherence to the provisional charter which set up a civilian government.]

[Huong's proclamation is apparently intended to make it clear that the military must either accept civilian supremacy or take the consequences of removing the government by force.]

[Huong may calculate in taking this gambit that there is sufficient dissatisfaction with General Khanh among military commanders to force Khanh's ouster as commander in chief if he refuses the government's terms. There is a danger, however, that Huong may precipitate by his move a full-scale military coup. Rumors of an impending military takeover have been rampant in Saigon in recent days.]

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NOTES

Sudan-Congo: [Leaders of the southern Sudanese separatist movement, which has strongly condemned Khartoum's aid to the Congolese rebels, have reportedly asked for arms and training from the Tshombé government. Leopoldville's initial response to the request is said to be favorable. At the present time, however, Leopoldville does not control any overland route to the Sudan, and any assistance would probably be given to southern Sudanese refugees now in the Congo.]

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